

## Small school, big results

Guyra Central School students have exceeded expectations with outstanding results in this year's Higher School Certificate.

Three students were named in the Distinguished Achiever's List for receiving the top band in their courses.

Relieving Principal Michelle Nicholson said that overall the results for the whole class were fantastic.

"With only 15 students in the class, including vocational students, to get 13 band 5s and 7 band 6s is exceptional," Mrs Nicholson said.

"To achieve band 6s across a range of subjects is a credit to the teaching staff."

The top performer was Logan Stanley who achieved three band 6 results in Modern History, Biology and PDHPE. Logan's 97.4 ATAR means he can follow his chosen path to study physiotherapy at either Newcastle or Brisbane.

"I'm stoked with the result

- I put in the effort and it was good to see that it paid off," Logan said.

"The teaching staff were all helpful and very supportive and I think we were lucky being in a small school where you could have that one on one interaction. All of the teachers went out of their way to see us achieve."

Kelsie Youman was not far behind achieving an ATAR of 94.65, including three band 6 results in Art, Agriculture and Biology. Kelsie is interested in Zoology and plans to go to the University of Queensland studying a Bachelor of Science. She described her reaction to her marks as 'very happy, I wasn't expecting it to be that high.'

Brodie Harman received a band 6 for his Ancient History course and was pleased with his ATAR of 82.35.

He is planning on studying a Bachelor of International Security studies at ANU in Canberra.

Outgoing Principal Jo



### HIGH ACHIEVERS:

Kelsie Youman, Logan Stanley and Brodie Harman

Burgess said that the results far exceeded her expectations.

"I knew they were going to be good and I knew how im-

portant the ATAR was because they had such high aspirations," she said. "All three far exceeded what they needed and wanted."

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23 December to 2 January

## What's **HOT**

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## Weather WATCH

### Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
12	Tues	7.8	25.7	0
13	Wed	10.4	27.7	0
14	Thurs	12.4	29.0	0
15	Fri	14.7	29.5	0
16	Sat	13.4	29.5	0
17	Sun	12.0	30.0	0
18	Mon	13.6	28.5	0.4

Rain this week	0.4mm
December rainfall	12.4mm
Rainfall YTD	1036.9mm
Rainfall last YTD	894.3mm

### Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, December 18th

Rainfall - 0mm(1024.5mm YTD)  
Top Dam FULL  
Bott. Dam 395mm below spillway  
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1997.4kl  
Water Restrictions - NIL

# Tour de Rocks Rock Quiz

A great night was had by all at this year's Rock Quiz fund raiser for Tour de Rocks. Ian Russell entertained us all with fun, facts and fiction over the rock eras of music.

Many got into the theme of the night with some great 70's costumes.

The Australian National Air DJ champion also entertained us. The winners on the night were The Jackson Five and partners.

A total of \$2100 was raised for a great cause.

Tour de Rocks is a bike ride from Armidale to South west Rocks which raises money for cancer research as well as for local communities through donating directly back to Cancer Assist branches.

Monies raised from Tour de Rocks also goes to local cancer related charities - like Camp Quality, Wig Library as well as supplying

equipment for cancer patients like palliative care items & mobile bed for Guyra MPS.

The ride is held annually in April. The 2018 ride will be held from 26th April to 28th April. Anyone interested in participating in this great event, information is available at [www.tourderocks.com.au](http://www.tourderocks.com.au), or call into Pedal and Grind and talk with Dave Mills.



Rock Quiz champions for 2017 The Jackson 5

**Merry Christmas to all from Leisa and the team at the Guyra Vet.**

We are closed only on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Otherwise normal operating hours 9.00am to 5.00pm. Emergency Service throughout.



## Guyra District Veterinary Services

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# Lasting tribute for Edna



Cheryl Hartmann, Bruce Wilson, Colleen Wilson, Jacqui Hartmann (widow of Michael), Max Hartmann, Terry Hartman and John Hartmann

Last Friday, The Hub at Guyra paid tribute to the decades of work that the Late Mrs Edna Hartmann gave to the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre and this town. Edna was a founding member of Guyra Neighbourhood Centre and their only Life member.

The Hartmann family generously donated to The Hub at Guyra, all the offerings made at Edna's funeral earlier this year.

The organisation decided that a lasting tribute to Edna should be made in her name and commissioned Mr Peter Brazier to make two

wooden seats to enhance the front verandah of the building at 160 Bradley Street.

Coordinator of The Hub Chris Hietbrink said that they were delighted to welcome John along with his son Terry and daughter Colleen Wilson with their partners Cheryl and Bruce and daughter-in-law Jacqui Hartmann with grandson Max.

"It was a fitting tribute to the work Edna undertook for over forty years and the family was thrilled at the recognition of her work," Mrs Hietbrink said. "We thank them sincerely for making

the effort to join us from their distant homes."

"The seats offer a comfy space for visitors to rest, have a cuppa or just enjoy the passing traffic, all of whom wave to us when we are enjoying the sunshine or the shade.

"Most importantly the seats will each have a plaque attached which acknowledges Edna and be a permanent reminder of her many years of service."

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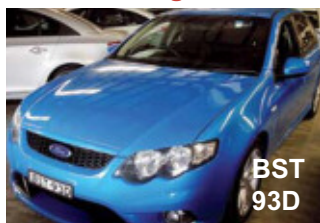
**Wishing everyone  
a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!**



**CLOSED from 24 December  
REOPENING  
Thursday 4 January**

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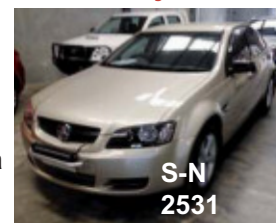
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## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale Market Report

**December 13th** - The last sale for the year produced a fair quality yarding with a fair selection of trade lambs along with odd pens of heavy weights. Store lambs were well supplied.

Light weight lambs to the restockers were \$4 to \$6 dearer with the restockers paying from \$63 to \$118/head.

Trade lambs were firm with the trade weight new season lambs selling from \$120 to \$164/head to average between 660c and 690c/kg cwt.

Trade weight old lambs sold from \$112 to \$168/head. Heavy weight lambs were also firm with the over 22kg 4 score new season lambs sell-

ing from \$170 to \$194 while the heavy weight old lambs sold to \$210/head.

Merino lambs were \$2 dearer with the trade weights selling from \$108 to \$138/head. Hoggets sold to \$150/head.

It was a mostly good quality yarding of mutton where the market was \$4 to \$6/head cheaper compared to the previous sales strong market. 2 score ewes sold from \$35 to \$85, while the better 3 and 4 scores sold from \$82 to \$150/head for both cross-breds and Merinos. Merino wethers sold to \$162/head

**Next sale January 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
2018.**



## Weekly Wool Market Report

**December 15th** - The final sale of 2017 resulted in large price increases across all micron ranges as buyers scrambled to secure wool prior to the Christmas recess.

There was another large offering with growers keen to get wool into the market and take advantage of the current strong market conditions. Prior to the market opening this week buyers were reporting intense interest from their customers highlighting that these price levels are not only attributed to low supply, but also strong demand.

Major gains were again seen in the Merino and finer Cross-bred types. A number of these micron indicators finished at record levels including the card-

ing indicator which continues to amaze most market observers. Chinese buyers dominated purchasing again however there is very strong competition coming from European and Indian interests. This widespread competition has created intense bidding from buyers in the sale room.

For the 2017 calendar year the total dollar value of wool sold has surpassed the 3 billion dollar mark. The last time this amount was achieved was back in 1995 when wool production levels were far greater than present. The EMI is over 400c/kg ahead of the same period last year.

**Greg Andrews**

**Schute Bell  
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Vu and all the staff at Guyra Pharmacy wish all their customers a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year

# Christmas

## GIFT GIVING

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CHRISTMAS CLOSING: 25, 26 December & 1st January

# Guyra Pharmacy





# Celebrate the light

At Christmas, the light breaks through. That's why we decorate our trees and houses with Christmas lights, because we remember that Jesus is the light of the world, the true light. Without him the world is a dark place of ignorance, wickedness and rebellion.

We see the darkness of our world in the seemingly endless war and conflict raging across our world, in Africa, in the Middle East, in North Korea. We see the darkness in the tragedy of death and disease, of lives cut all too short. We see it in the constant struggle with a harsh and unforgiving environment of storms, and bushfires, and drought. Our world is full of darkness.

Christmas celebrates the light that shines in the darkness. Jesus, the child born of the virgin, and laid in the manger, is the true light who dispels the darkness. The

very first Christmas is the defining moment of human history, the dividing line between the age of darkness and the age of light.

We no longer need to fear the darkness, for Jesus was born as the true light, the saviour of the world, who has overcome the darkness. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12).

*Rev. Mark Evers*

## Anglican service times

### Christmas Eve

(Sunday 24th)

9am St James

(Carols and Lessons)

5pm Ollera

7:30 Ben Lomond

11pm St James

### Christmas Day

9am St James

(Family Service)

## Church Notices

### St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Traditional Service, 10.30am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 12.00noon

Rev Mark Evers 6779 1111

### St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra, Sunday 9am, 1st Sunday of month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra

### St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am 'Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm Rev Andrew Campbell, Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 6733 2021

### Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

### Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service.

Enquiries: 6779 1587

### Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday meeting 10am, Wed 7pm Food Pantry - Fridays 1-3pm.

Tony Stace 0427956772.

### Church of Freedom

10 Nincoola Street - Contact: 0421 847 973, Tuesday Prayer 6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm Sunday Service 10am

## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

20th Dec John Mitchell

21st Dec Susan Gerard

22nd Dec Stephen Adams

25th Dec. No delivery

26th Dec. Jeanette Jarvis

27th Dec. Noreen Williams

28th Dec. Sue Adams

29th Dec Lyn & Richard Skinner

### Street Stalls

22nd December

Rotary

### Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings

1st & 3rd Thursday of the

month at Guyra Bowling Club,

7pm. Ph: Peter King 0412 780

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ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

at Rafter's Restaurant, 6pm for

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and New Year be  
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# Kid born in shed saves world ....

Well, that's what happened! He was just an ordinary child. Born to some nobody parents, peasants. And it was just a shed, where animals were kept. We suppose there was some clean hay. A rather unimpressive place for any birth, and any child.

And yet Christians believe that Jesus came with a wonderful destiny. The angel said to Joseph. Matthew 1v21: "She will give birth to

a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

The word 'Jesus' is the same name as 'Joshua', the great general who saved God's people and led them into the promised land.

And that's what Jesus came to do, to save God's people, those, anyone in the world who comes to Him, admitting that we are, wretches as the old song

goes. And then we're forgiven, and right with God, and ready for heaven.

Now that's something to celebrate this Christmas.

**Rev. Andrew Campbell**  
**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, Guyra**

## Christmas services

Sunday 24th december  
9.00 am

**Christmas Day**  
25th december  
9.00 am

## Life is precious

Life is so precious and so uncertain as we have all been reminded recently with the loss of a Guyra man, a good friend to all who knew him, a man who did not hesitate to wave and say 'gooday' and help others.

God is a good friend to all of us; He knows and understands that life is so fragile and precious. He makes the rain to fall on the good and the bad, He makes the sun to shine every day on the good and the bad.

God understands and knows mankind for He sent his son Jesus to earth to be born of woman. His birth was truly miraculous as Jesus was born of a virgin, just as the prophet Isaiah foretold 740 years before his birth. In the book of Isaiah (chapter 7, verse 14) it says: The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give

birth to a son, and will call Him Emmanuel, meaning 'God is with us'.

In the book of Luke it tells of this birth where angels sang praises to God, He was born in a stable, very different to where most of us were born. Shepherds were among the first to come to the birth of this child. His young life was threatened with death many times before He reached the age of three. He understands our hardships because He has experienced the same things. Even though He was the Son of God He lived on earth as a normal man.

God sent Him on that first Christmas Day as a gift to all mankind for the scripture says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life for God did not send his son in to the

world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Most know the story, how He was crucified and buried, but on the third day he was raised from the dead and was seen of more than 500 people at one time. He was also seen when being taken up to heaven where He is the intercessor between God and mankind. Because He lived on earth as a man, He can help us through our trials, comfort in our sorrow, and strength in our own weaknesses and He is just a prayer away.

Jesus Christ really is God's perfect gift to mankind.

Wishing all a safe and happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

**Di and Darrell Taylor**  
**On behalf of the Church of Freedom**



**Dorothy, Leonie, Tegan & Des and all the staff**  
**at**  
**The GALA Centre,**  
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**and**  
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*would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year*

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**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**



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**Josh and all the team at LANDMARK GUYRA**  
**wish all our valued customers**  
**a very Happy Christmas**  
**and a safe and prosperous 2018**

**Thank you for your support throughout 2017**

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CLOSED FROM: December 22. RE-OPENING: Tuesday, January 9



Trudi Brown with with sons Hamish, Lincoln and Aidan

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# Billy cart mania



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Andrew Frost from Woolworths Armidale, Jon Oxenbridge, General Assistant at Ben Lomond and Micheal Smoother from Stroud Homes at the Marshalling area.

It was billy cart mania as schools from within the Snow Gums Learning Alliance (Black Mountain, Bald Blair, Chandler and Ben Lomond Public Schools) went to Ben Lomond to test drive the billy carts that were made at Thalgarah STEM camp.

After a few adjustments and paint jobs it was time to test drive down the front footpath. Again a few adjustments were required for several billycarts, then it was time to race. Students dragged their billycarts up the hill at the back of the school and then raced them down two at a time. Some models did not survive the downhill grassy track while others needed running repairs after each race.

Thank you to the Ben Lomond parents who turned up to assist on the day, and to Micheal from Stroud Homes who repaired the billycarts as needed and helped cook the barbie.

A special thanks to Andrew Frost from Woolworths, who cooked the barbie and assisted with the donation of fruit and the sausage sizzle.

A great way to end another fantastic year!



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## Expressions of Interest Live and Local 2018

Armidale Regional Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from local performers that would like to showcase their talents at the Live and Local festival - Locally Made and Played on 7 April and/or 14 April 2018. This mini festival will be held in the Armidale CBD and mall on a Saturday between 4pm and 8pm over a number of venues including book shops, empty retail premises, local hotels/pubs, cafes and outdoor spaces. The event aims to connect performers, local business and audiences for an afternoon of live performances. Performers will be paid for their time.

Local musicians will play concurrently and be located at venues within walking distance allowing audience members to stroll around the CBD and participate in a number of activities. The event will offer a variety of musical genres and venues from small acoustic spaces to band sized pubs and everything in between. The afternoon will culminate in a performance of local musicians, playing original music on locally crafted instruments.

Full details are provided in the Expression of Interest available on our website at:

[www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/music/live-and-local-eoi/live-and-local-expressions-of-interest](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/music/live-and-local-eoi/live-and-local-expressions-of-interest)

Enquiries regarding this EOI may be directed to Hayley Ward on 02 6770 3832.

EOI's quoting the reference number ARC17/2248 and addressed to Council, will be received up until 30 January 2018.



## Community Engagement Centre now open!

Last week Council opened an engagement centre in the mall, opposite Tattersalls Hotel.

This is a new concept and will be trialled for six months. The intention is to allow easy access for the community to provide feedback and input on a number of exciting proposed council projects. Council is currently undertaking extensive consultation with the community on the proposed plans for the revitalisation of the CBD.

The centre is open Monday to Friday 10am-3pm. Consultation on the proposed plans for the CBD revitalisation will close February 16, 2018. You can also view the plans and complete the feedback form online at [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

## Queen's Baton Relay

Thursday 1 February 2018

Celebrations from 9am in  
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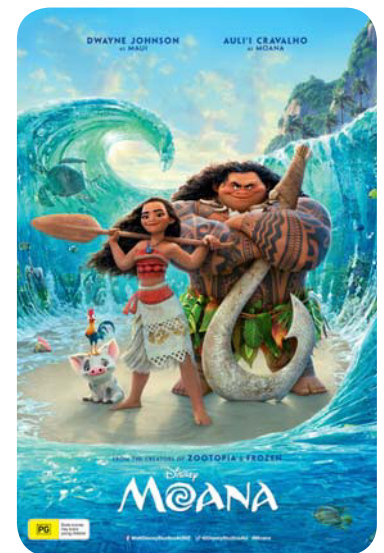
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## Movies in the Mall

Thursday 21 December  
**'Moana' From 7.45pm**



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## New Year's Eve Party

Sunday 31 December  
in the Armidale Creeklands  
from 6pm

Fireworks  
at 9pm

Don't forget to ensure your dog is in a safe  
secure location for the duration of the fireworks

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 February 2018, at the Armidale Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 1pm. The public are welcome to attend.

## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 20 December 2017

Authorised by the CEO Peter Dennis Armidale Regional Council PO Box 75A, 135 Rusden Street, Armidale NSW 2350. Ph: 1300 136 833 Fax: 6772 9275.  
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# Choir sings for Kolora



The Combined Churches Choir made a visit to Kolora on Sunday night, singing traditional Christmas hymns for the residents. Activities officer Lisa

Church said that the residents enjoyed the performance which added to the festive feeling in the lead up to Christmas. "Thank you to the choir

members for coming along," Lisa said. "The residents all enjoyed the singing and it brought back many memories. Nancy Prisk deserves a spe-

cial thank you for her organization and effort in bringing a little Christmas cheer to our residents."

## Get your BONUS TICKETS for the 2018 Guyra Show

The 2018 Guyra Show is set down for February 16th, 17th and 18th. Bonus tickets for this event are now available for purchase from the GALA centre.

You can purchase a sheet of 30, \$1 bonus tickets for \$25. These tickets offer a saving of around 17% and

they must be purchased before the show date.

They are redeemable at any sideshow alley stand (Rides, Food stalls, show games etc.) These tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE and are exclusive to Guyra Show.

## Probus news

Our first meeting for the New Year will be held on Monday January 8th at the Bowling Club.

Our Christmas dinner was a huge success with forty one attending. Anyone wishing to join Probus, please come to our next meeting.

*Judy Jackson*

## Under new management

**Weekly Specials**  
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**Bait Live Worms**  
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### Summer Opening Hours

Weekdays 7am - 6pm  
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**CLOSED Christmas Day**  
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## Chickens for Christmas

Orders for your Christmas chickens need to be in by **WEDNESDAY, 20 December**

*Lou, Mick & Staff extend  
Seasons Greetings to all our customers*

### Our Trading Hours over Christmas:

24 Dec - 8am - 6pm	29 Dec - 6.30am - 7.30pm
25 Dec - CLOSED	30 Dec - 6.30am - 7.30pm
26 Dec - CLOSED	31 Dec - 8am - 6pm
27 Dec - 6.30am - 7pm	1 Jan - CLOSED
28 Dec - 6.30am - 7pm	2 Jan - 6.30am - 7pm

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# Gaining ground on soil health

The international community recently acknowledged the life-giving quality of the earth under our feet when individuals and organisations across the globe celebrated World Soil Day.

This year's theme was 'Caring for the Planet Starts from the Ground', an intent shared and prioritised by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services.

For the past four years, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services has presented the Soil Health & Production Workshop series across the region with funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. Local Land Services Officer Beth Brown said the workshops are designed to broaden producers' awareness and knowledge base through theory and hands-on application to gain the most from their operation, while protecting and enriching the soils on their land.

"Having a healthy soil means having the physical, biological and chemical components all working together, resulting in effective nu-

trient cycling and water infiltration", Beth said.

The comprehensive workshops are growing in popularity. The first workshop covers what a healthy soil looks like, how to assess this in the paddock and what can be done to improve or maintain a healthy soil. The second workshop digs a little deeper (pardon the pun) by working through the test results from the soil samples submitted by participants.

She said the soil test outcomes from a recent Guyra workshop inspired the participants, including Angela Landers.

"I'm really keen to go home, test more paddocks and make a plan for our nutrient requirements for our property, and apply what we actually need rather than just applying the standard," Angela said.

Beth said they are planning another round of workshops for 2018 and encourages landholders and producers to keep an eye on the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Facebook page, website, App or contact Beth Brown on 0429 773 453 or beth.brown@lls.nsw.gov.au.

## Have your say.....

### We need to stop finding obstacles

I am writing to express my support for the New England Rail Trail proposal.

Can we please be clear on these simple facts - the debate is about two things:

1. to convert the existing, unused rail line to a Rail Trail, OR

2. to leave the rail line as is.

The debate is NOT about restoring the rail line and bringing back the trains, and therefore discussion

about this is irrelevant. I think everyone in Guyra would prefer to see the rail line open and trains rolling in to Guyra every day. However, it was made crystal clear at the recent community consultation meeting that the cost to do this is prohibitive (out of the question I would suggest), and the demand is negligible.

I would love to see Guyra thrive and grow, and the Rail Trail is one of the ways we can make that happen. We need to stop finding ob-

stacles and look for the opportunities that these new ideas can bring. Issues like weeds and maintenance can be resolved if we work together as a community, and the funding is available from the government for the project, so let's look at the positives and do something for our town that will benefit generations to come. I support the New England Rail Trail because I want a bright future in this community for my children.

*Bronwyn Grills*

*Email: news@gala.org.au*

*Mail: PO Box 170 Fax: 67792069.*



June & Neil would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2017 & wish you all a very Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year!

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## SHOP LOCAL in December and go into our Christmas give-away

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Grand Hall BBQ valued at \$599.00
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Hitachi 42pc Drill & Driver Bit Set valued at \$59.00

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### Our Christmas trading hours will be:

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Christmas Day	CLOSED
Tuesday, 26 December	CLOSED
Wednesday, 27 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday, 28 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Friday, 29 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday, 30 December	7.00am – 12.00noon
Sunday, 31 December	CLOSED
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Tuesday, 2 January	7.00am – 5.30pm

**61 Ollera Street, Guyra**  
**Phone: 6779 2444**





# Classifieds



# Trades



# & Services

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** will be closed over Christmas/New Year and will re-open on Sunday, 14th January. Thanks to all our volunteers and all who supported us during 2017.



Your invitation to  
Christmas services ....

**GUYRA PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER**

9.00 AM

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**25TH DECEMBER 9.00 AM**

Rev. Andrew (& Anne) Campbell

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## CHRISTMAS NOTICE

### Guyra Gazette

would like to thank our readers, advertisers and contributors for their support in 2017.

This will be our last paper for the year. Our next edition will be published on

**January 10th,  
2018**



## IN MEMORIAM

**Joy Annette McLeod  
20/12/2007**



You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You're always at our side.

*Brian, Christine, Anne, Denise,  
and their families*

## FUNERAL NOTICE

**REEVES; Malcolm John "Chinny"  
8th December 2017**

Of Sandon Street Guyra. Dearly loved son of Shirley Reeves. Loving father of Joseph and Lily.

**Aged 55 years**

Funeral Service to be held at St James Anglican Church, Guyra tomorrow Thursday, 21st December 2017 commencing at 2:30pm, followed by interment at the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.



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**JANUARY 26th BEN LOMOND** Australia Day breakfast 7am \$10. Meet our Ambassador. RSVP 6733 2117.

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# CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Saturday, December 16th

## 1st Grade

Guyra defeated by Easts

### Guyra Innings

Shane Wolfenden.....	2
BJ Cameron.....	12
Nick Page.....	11
Heath Dowsett.....	4
Brandon Landsborough.....	10
Ben Jackson.....not out.....	30
Charlie Keen.....	3
Jake Ellis.....	0
Troy Martin.....	31
Jason Campbell.....	4
Matt Finley.....	28
Extras.....	16
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>152</b>
Overs.....	44.2

### Ex Services Innings

10/220 off 48.2 overs

### Guyra Bowling:

Bj Cameron 1 for 42, Jake Ellis 2 for 60, Brandon Landsborough 1 for 24, Charlie Keen 1 for 32, Matt Finley 0 for 8, Nick Page 0 for 12, Ben Jackson 4 for 15, Shane Wolfenden 1 for 8

## 2nd Grade

Guyra def. by Barbarians

### Barbarians innings

9/144 (cc)

### Guyra Bowling:

Justin McKay 3 for 32, Maurice Blair 2 for 16, Keiran Wicks 0 for 11, Zac Atkin 1 for 18, Andrew Page 1 for 45, Peter Presnell 1 for 2

### Guyra Innings

Zac Atkin.....	1
Adrian Cameron.....	7
Mal Gaukroger.....	8
Graham Cameron.....	5
Keiran Wicks.....	1
Peter Presnell.....	9
Jake Brazier.....	7
Andrew Frost.....not out.....	26
Andrew Page.....	2
Maurice Blair.....	0
Justin McKay.....	0
Extras.....	22
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>88</b>
Overs.....	27.1

## 3rd Grade

Guyra def. by Hillgrove

### Guyra Innings

Dan Stace.....	14
Les Perrett.....	4
Craig Lockyer.....	54
Taylor Brennan.....	6
Simon Brown.....	1
Cody Patterson.....	13
Richard Walls.....	0
John Credland.....	0
Jake Bull.....	1

Garth Walls.....	0
Steve McElroy.....not out.....	5
Extras.....	13
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>114</b>
Overs.....	31

### Hillgrove Innings

4 for 117 off 21.4 overs

### Guyra Bowling:

Garth Walls 2 for 27, Les Perrett 0 for 14, Dan Stace 1 for 21, Cody Patterson 0 for 26, Jake Bull 1 for 21, Richard Walls 0 for 6



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*Damien, Kylie and staff  
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*Season's Greetings to all  
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*CLOSED from December 21, re-opening January 15*

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# Gazette Sport

## Men's bowls

Results of the Club Championship games played Saturday December 16th. In Open Singles Dan Kennedy played Scott Swain, from all reports Scott really gave Dan a scare but Dan went on to take victory over 21 ends. Roger Cox played Steven Sole. Roger really put it to Steven in the early stages but in true style Steven held his nerve and went on to take a victory over 21 ends. In Minor singles Evan Sole played Mallie Walls, after 13 ends Evan seemed to have Mallie's measure but Mallie had other ideas and after 33 ends had ex-

pired Mallie was the victor 31 shots to 22 shots. Ian Jacobs played John Hamel. In this game Ian was too consistent for John taking a victory 31 shots to 12 shots over 25 ends. Sunday December saw 20 players walk onto the green to play in the Brian Vickery Ham Day. After three games were contested the four best teams were determined and after a playoff two teams emerged to play off for the hams. David Lyes and Murray Bourke played Paul Clarke and Col Stanley. After four ends were played Paul Clarke and Col Stanley came out winners. Thank you to Nancy Vick-

ery and the Vickery family for putting up the Hams.

As this is the last report for 2017 I would like to on behalf of my wife and myself wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a wonderful new Year.

*The Bowls Bandit*

## Ladies' Golf

Last Wednesday we played a 4BBB Stableford Aggregate. Under clear skies and warm sunshine playing conditions and the scores were hot, as players scored plenty of gobblers and birdies. The competition was a closely contested three way tie. The winners with a fantastic 73 points were Jenni Jackson and Pip White on a count back from; Shona Mulligan and Meg Simpson and Karen Oehlers and Jenny Rogers.

Nearest the Pin on the 18th was won by Wendy Jackson.

We send greetings to golfers, supporters and sponsors for a Merry

Christmas and Happy New Year.

*The Phantom*

## Men's Golf

In last week's midweek the Baldersleigh Bashers and the Sultans of Swing both recorded an impressive 71 points with D Mitchell and K Fuller both recording 20 points.

Sunday saw W J Pearson's trophy up for grabs with Ian Taylor narrowly edging out Pat Grills for the prize. Nearest to the pins went to Pat Grills on the 7th and Bob Constance on the 10th with Barry Simpson getting the 18th.

Over the Christmas break the next two Sundays will be for club trophies, on the 7th January Donna's Bistro will holding an individual stableford as well as the monthly mug. Boxing Day will see a two person ambrose contested. See you again in 2018?

*The Albatross.*



**Michael, Stacey  
& Staff**  
wish everyone a  
**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!**

We thank you for your valued support of  
our business during 2017

## Trading Hours

Friday, December 22	7.00am - 6.30pm
Saturday, December 23	7.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday, December 24	7.00am - 2.00pm

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